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Friends of the Dispatch would do us a favor by informing us promptly of any failure on the part of newsdealers, or newboys on railroad trains, to meet the public demand for copies of this paper. Information is also desired by us of the delinquency of any carrier of ours in Richmond, Manchester, or elsewhere.

Mail subscribers are likewise invited to report to us whenever their papers come late or irregularly.

### THE OYSTER QUESTION.

The oyster season is upon us. Now we may not only have oyster suppers, but oyster talks. The oyster laws are an ever-fruitleful topic of discussion, and there are indications that the next political campaign and the next legislative session will be much occupied in considering it.

In the oyster country the people are dissatisfied with certain provisions of the existing law, while the up-country kin are dissatisfied with the amount of revenue the oyster brings into the State Treasury. Last year one of the complainants in this respect was a member of the Legislature, representing a county which annually draws from the public treasury more money than it puts in there.

Many exaggerated and foolish things have been said about Virginia's oyster lands. Estimates have been made as to the revenue they ought to yield which are utterly absurd, yet they have made an impression upon the public mind. From the latest statistics we have seen the United States authorities value the entire oyster output of Virginia at about \$2,500,000 per annum. Whether this sum includes the value of the oysters consumed by tongs and planters' families we know not. Supposing that it does not, but remembering at what cost oysters are planted and marketed, it will be seen that the industry is not capable of enriching the State Treasury as many persons imagine.

But it is contended that if the State would adopt a more liberal policy with respect to leasing out her lands, the industry would grow amazingly. That may or may not be so—we do not know—it is a question that can only be settled by actual experiment. But the time has not yet come when such an experiment can be safely tried.

Virginia would better stick to her present laws until they have been thoroughly tested. We do not mean by this that they should not be amended where experience has shown them to be faulty. Not at all. All their crudities should be corrected, but we earnestly hope no serious effort will be made to find a new basis for legislative tinkering. Flimsy of tenure and security from legislative interference are essential to the success of the system.

Oystermen fight against increase of taxation just as the people of other sections of the State do, and whether they ought to do so or not it is a fact that they look upon what the State calls "rentals" as another name for taxation. However, we think it is to the interest of the oyster country to do all that it can do to make the present law a success financially and otherwise. It is not likely that a better law can be secured, especially as in the course of a few years the time will come when our State may be forced to search high and low for additional revenue.

Our advice to our oyster friends is to make the best of the existing law and not to seek to reform the general question. What the fair-minded public wishes is to see the oyster industry productive of a fair amount of net revenue. We do not think a large revenue is looked for at first. The hope is rather that from a small beginning the industry and the revenue will grow steadily.

### FEARFUL TO CONTEMPLATE.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior shows that in July last we had on the pension rolls 993,714 pensioners, with \$35,600,000 pending, of which \$29,000 are new. Now we have, it is estimated, a pension list of more than 1,000,000, and the outlook is that for some time the cry will be "still they come." For the last fiscal year \$14,654,977 was paid out in

pensions. Since the close of the civil war we have paid on this account \$253,555,500, with \$70,966,213 additional in fees and other expenses incident to the system. To-day we are paying more annually on account of a war that ended over three decades ago than any one of several of the great powers of Europe pays for the maintenance of its entire military establishment.

Yet the American people are urged to endorse a policy the carrying out of which would necessitate such increase in our army and our navy as would, including pensions, make the cost of our naval and military establishments amount to some \$500,000,000 a year. Add to this the ordinary expenses of the government, the interest on the \$200,000,000 of war bonds we have issued, the expenses up to date of our war with Spain, the \$20,000,000 we are to pay for the Philippines, and the salaries of the horde of office-holders that would be employed in administering the government of the islands, and the taxation prospect is something fearful to contemplate.

### THE LASH AND THE PILLORY.

Delaware is a little behindhand in some of her methods of punishment for criminals, or possibly it may be that she is up to date in the modern craze for antiquities. At any rate she still uses the pillory as a means of subduing her malefactors. During the snow-storm last week two men stood in a pillory in the jail-yard at Newcastle, and for sixty minutes were exposed to the biting elements. The temperature at the time was uncomfortably low and the men appeared to suffer no little. From an editorial in the Baltimore Herald, we are led to believe that even the jail officials thought the punishment was too severe. They threw blankets over the forms. They manacled law-breakers and humanely encased their shackled hands in gloves. Despite these acts of kindness, however, the malefactors were nearly stiff with cold when released. To add to the discomfort of one of the prisoners, he received thirty lashes on his bare back, administered by a cut of nine tails in the hands of the Sheriff, and was then taken back to jail for a ten-year term of imprisonment.

The purpose of the Delaware law is to inflict actual physical suffering on those reckless spirits who have lost their sense of decency and become insensible to their own degradation. Both the stocks and the pillory are at present used in Delaware and many New Jersey citizens are now endeavoring to have a revival of the ducking stool there.

The pillory practically saw its end at the beginning of this century, though Massachusetts, the great ranter against alleged wrongs to the negro race, appears to have clung to it tenaciously. In January, 1891, a man named Hawkins stood for an hour in a pillory in Salem, and had his ears cropped.

This grim, old instrument of medieval days was used as a punishment for many offenses in England. In its day it held many a good and famous man in its grasp. We have even heard of one unfortunate who suffered its embrace because he delivered false dinner invitations. He deserved what he got, as did also a practical joker who suffered the same penalty. But the pillory is as much out of place to-day as candle snuffers or spinnets, and its employment will strike the ordinary mind as a step backward.

### WHO LAUGHS LAST.

Late news from the Philippines via Madrid is to the effect that the insurgents have decided not to recognize the cessation of the islands to the United States, and will resist to the last. It is also claimed, says the cablegram conveying this interesting information, that the United States will require 70,000 troops to put down the rebellion. Further, it is alleged that the insurgents hold 10,000 Spanish prisoners whom they will force to serve against the Americans.

So, in addition to what our war with Spain has already cost us, we are to pay Spain \$50,000,000 for the privilege of civilizing the gentle Filipino in the same way we have been civilizing the "noble red man." As regards this whole Philippine business, it may become Spain's turn to laugh, and illustrate "who laughs last laughs best."

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Chicago, in preparing for a great charity bazaar, now in progress in the Windy City, hit upon a most happy idea, which will produce splendid financial results. All the celebrated beauties and singers of the stage were asked to send a doll, and the magnificent results of the message to these adorable favorites has been something incomparable.

Now, if there is any one thing of all others which women love to do, it is to dress a doll, and the footling celebrities have proved that they are not exceptions to the rule. The bazaar will be literally flooded with dolls of the handsomest sort, and dressed in the finest of clothes. Indeed, some of the actresses must have spent great sums in complying with the request of the association. In nearly every case the puppets are arrayed in costumes representing the givers, and they are doubly interesting. Viola Allen, who is starring in Hall Caine's "Christian," sent a doll representing Gloria Quayle, while Beatrice Mansfield contributed one representing Cyrano de Bergerac. Pauline Hall gave "The Chicago Girl of 1898"—a beautiful creation of wax and sawdust, which wears a real tailor-made suit of gray broadcloth, lined with cerise silk, and hat to match.

To read the letters which accompanied these pretty china and waxen babies is to see the actresses at their sweetest, and to recognize in them the most lovable traits of womanhood. Jessie Bartlett Davis, in her little note accompanying a doll, says: "I have made every stitch of clothes on this doll; you know what that means when you are studying a new role. If it is not to your liking, you must lay it to my tired head and hands. It is dressed exactly like my first act in 'The Serenade.' I hope you will get a good sum for her; she cost me over \$50; I only tell you so that you won't lose on her."

It is needless to say that the dolls will bring immense figures. The thirty-eight boxes of the bazaar have already brought \$10,230.

In the Michigan delegation recently elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress there are, out of twelve successful candidates, three who bear the unique name of Smith. The triumvirate who boast this unusual appellation are Henry C. Samuel W., and William Alden, and all of the trio have the moral courage to omit a final E from their names. They will be the first, second, and third terms, respectively; all are lawyers, and all are leaders in political and professional circles. There will doubtless be other Smiths in Congress, but Michigan flatters herself that no other State will send so large a bunch as she.

### FORCE BILL TALK.

While on the one hand Mr. McKinley and his advisers are pressing a movement that, if consummated, will eventually make States of a lot of islands over in the Pacific, that are inhabited, for the most part, by savages and semi-savages, on the other they are considering the question of reducing some of the Southern States to the condition of satrapies. While they feel constrained by their superabundance of "humanitarianism" to labor to extend the blessings of civilization to the polyglot, polyethnic Philippines, they are at the same time, we are told, contemplating a war on southern civilization.

In other words, we are told that the President's plea to Congress for support of his imperialistic policy will probably be accompanied by the suggestion that another force bill be put upon the South. The President has been conferring recently with some of the malignants of the Republican party on the subject of the "recent race riots" in the South, and says a Washington special, as Mr. McKinley, when a member of the House, voted for the old force bill, it is believed that he will favor the enactment of a measure drafted along similar lines. The same special also says that there is talk in Washington of the South's being honored during the coming session of Congress by the attention of special congressional committees of investigation.

That is to say, it is proposed practically to go back to reconstruction days, with their visiting statesmen, suborned witnesses, Federal judicial usurpations, Federal bayonets at the polls, and efforts to put the white people under the heel of the negro. Of course, this programme will be ostensibly in the interest of the "poor, downtrodden man and brother." But even were it not demonstrable that the repressive measures of the past were not in the interest of the negro, the history of the operations of those measures show that Congress could not do the negro a worse turn than pass a new force bill. All the repressive legislation it may be in the power of Congress to enact will not prevent the white men of the South from ruling. At the same time, if a force bill is passed, that act will but make more apparent the hypocrisy of the claim of Mr. McKinley and his advisers that they are the apostles of civilization.

The New York Central Railroad Company has determined to erect a \$500,000 passenger depot on the site of the old Delavan Hotel, Albany. We are still hoping that some such good luck as this will come to Richmond before long.

The disagreeable position of the white officers of the Sixth Virginia Regiment (so-called), while entirely undesired, is suggestive of the homely old saying to the effect that one cannot touch pitch without being blackened.

It is understood that the Astor Bank, of New York, has bought out the Sixth National Bank there. It is said that \$500 was paid for each share of stock.

Don Carlos's son, Don Jaime, seems to be having a good many brides chosen for him just now. Would they make a Mormon of him?

It is earnestly to be hoped that Spain's "sad but glorious" days will ere long be succeeded by happy though commonplace ones.

The main difficulty about the Philippines seems to be that Aguinaldo comes with them.

The Jackson Ward incident is mildly suggestive of how it is in Wilmington, N. C.

Baltimore is moving for all-night street-cars. The need of such a convenience in Richmond is felt by newspaper men.

Secretary Alger's report is out to-day, but what the people really wish to see is an anti-Alger report.

**One of the World's Ways.**  
(Chicago News.)  
Some men are born to follow;  
And some are born to lead;  
Some men are born to order,  
And some are born to heed.

But he that leads his fellows  
Who trail along behind  
May have a life companion  
Who makes him meekly mind.

And they that heed directions  
Which other men expound  
At home are more than likely  
To boss their wives around.

### BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING.

**The Marriage of Ex-Lieutenant Governor Kent's Daughter.**  
WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—At "Bowling Green," the beautiful and hospitable home of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Robert C. Kent, this afternoon at 5 o'clock was witnessed a pretty and most impressive marriage ceremony, that united the lives of Miss Elizabeth Patton, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Kent, and Mr. Edward Cosby Darling, of New Kensington, Pa.

The ceremony was witnessed only by the relatives and a few special friends of the families, took place in the spacious parlor, Rev. T. P. Barclay, of the Presbyterian church, pastor of the bride, officiating. The house decorations consisted of cedar and holly. The blending of the bright red berries of the latter with the deep green foliage, together with the many beautiful shaded red lights, gave a most pleasing effect to the scene. The bride was handsomely gowned in white satin and rose point lace veil, and carried beautiful bride's roses. Her sister, Miss Anna P. Kent, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of white broadcloth silk, and carried red roses. The bride's other attendants were Miss Flora Stuart, Miss Nellie Caldwell, cousins of the bride; Miss Sue Spiller, Miss Fannie Fulton, Miss Helen Moore, and Miss Nellie Sayers. They were attired in white organdie, with cherry velvet crushed girdles and collars, and carried red chrysanthemums. The groom and his attendants wore the conventional black Prince Albert. His best man was his brother, Mr. Fred. Darling, Captain Joseph Cloyd Kent and Joseph F. Kent, brother and cousin, respectively, of the bride; Robert Sayers, Jr.; Dr. Edward L. McGavock, of Max Meadows; Dr. John D. Thomas, of Washington, and Walter Taylor, of Norfolk. After the ceremony a large reception was held, which was attended by the numerous friends of Governor and Mrs. Kent. Duane, and Mrs. Darling left on the 7:30 train for their future home, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends in old Virginia. The bride is Governor Kent's second daughter, and the groom is a young man of fine physique and active business-man of New Kensington. He comes of an old New England family, and is a son of a noted minister of the Congregational Church.

### Funeral of Mr. Oppenheimer.

**FORK UNION, December 1.**—(Special.)—From the Baptist church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon took place the funeral of Mr. A. Oppenheimer, whose death, after a long and painful illness, occurred in Richmond Tuesday morning.

The exercises were conducted by his pastor, Dr. G. H. Snead, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, who is taking a year of recreation at his country residence. The speakers referred to Mr. Oppenheimer's devotion to Christian duties, and to his remarkably successful business career. The interment was at "Corinth Hill," in his family cemetery, which is located near the scene of his first business ventures, made forty-eight years ago. To his children, six in number, all of whom were present on the sad occasion, he gave an example of indomitable industry, and he leaves the priceless legacy of a good name.

### NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

**The Texas Expected—Case of Captain Munroe.**

NORFOLK, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—The reassembling of the North Atlantic squadron in Hampton Roads, which has been delayed owing to the non-completion of repairs on the big ships at New York, will be hastened now in preparation for the winter cruise. The battleship Texas, Captain Sigsbee, is expected to join the fleet, New York off Old Point Comfort to-morrow morning, and as soon as the other ships assigned to the squadron arrive in the Roads the fleet under command of Commodore Philip will sail for the southern winter drill-grounds off Cape Charles. Naval officers say that the practice evolutions this winter will be based largely upon the experiences of the blockade and patrol off Cuba during the war.

Captain Conces, of the Spanish navy, who commanded the fleetship Infanta Maria Teresa, of Cervera's squadron, and who was a prisoner of war at the Marine Hospital on this station for some time, has sent several of his pictures to the hospital surgeons who are on duty at the hospital during his confinement there. They are intended as tokens of his appreciation of the kindly attention paid to himself and his men.

The case of Captain N. V. Munroe, of the British ship Canada, charged with concealing his fleet ship K. R. Croby, who was alleged, murdered one of two of the Canada's crew when she was in this port last summer, was further heard by Justice Tomlin, in the Police Court, this morning.

The Court held that there was no proof of having been committed, and the warrant against Captain Munroe was dismissed. Shortly after leaving the court-room Captain Munroe applied at police headquarters for protection from the mob, and was escorted to his home following him about in an effort to obtain wages which they claim to be due them. Captain-of-Police Prince detailed Detective Snowden as a guard for the Nova Scotia captain. Later Captain Munroe and his seven men were released upon pecuniary warrants. They were bailed in the sum of \$25 each.

### BRUNSWICK.

**Jones on Trial for Wife-Murder—A Shooting Affray.**

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—H. B. Jones, the colored preacher, charged with murdering his wife, was indicted by the grand jury at this term of our County Court, and was arraigned on Tuesday. Owing to the absence of a material witness, the trial was adjourned until yesterday morning, but since then the bringing out of the evidence for the Commonwealth has progressed slowly, owing to its purely circumstantial character, and the details that must of necessity be gone into.

An ugly shooting affray was reported to-day from Gholsonville, in this county. It occurred yesterday between Mr. Larkins and his wife, and Mr. Jones, two prominent citizens of their neighborhood. A quarrel arose between them in regard to the hiring of a horse, and some hot words passed, but no encounter took place, and Mr. Jones returned to his home. Mr. Larkins, however, followed him, and shortly afterwards, it is stated, Mr. Rawlings appeared with a shotgun, rode up to Mr. Jones, who was seated with Mr. W. W. Vesson by a cotton-gin, and fired a load of shot at the head of Jones. Jones, fortunately, bent forward, and the charge struck above him. Thompson then grasped Rawlings's bridle-rein, and as he did so Rawlings snatched a pistol from his gun and fired at Jones. Jones then rode off. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

### FAUQUIER.

**Triplet-Spilmann Marriage—Warrenton Personal.**

WARRENTON, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—The marriage of Miss Lucy Spilmann, of Jefferson, to Mr. Triplet, of Upper Fauquier, this evening, was largely attended by Warrenton's society people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Nelson, and Mr. Appleton played the wedding march. Misses Nannie Spilmann, Lena Fletcher, and Alys Turner, of this place, were her bridesmaids. A large reception was given the happy couple at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Tolston, of Jefferson. The bride is a sister of Mr. Edward Spilmann, Jr., of Warrenton, and has numerous relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. C. S. Carter entertained a number of friends Wednesday afternoon at whist and tea.

Mr. Pinckney Craig, of Baltimore, came down to-day for a week with Mr. Isham Keith, to enjoy the hunting and look for several hours at the bridge of Fannie Cockran, of the Plains, and Miss Barry, of Washington, are visiting the Misses Fair.

Miss Charlotte Nelson leaves on Tuesday for Buffalo, N. Y., where she will visit Miss Josephine Dickinson, who is well known in Richmond society.

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### JAMES CITY.

**Oysters Very Poor—Road-Machine—Williamsburg Notes.**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—One of the largest oyster-plantations on York river was here to-day, and stated that the bivalves this season were as poor as he had ever seen them. Some heavy shipments are being made to northern markets to be replanted.

The James City supervisors, at their last meeting, purchased a new and improved road machine, which has just been received, and is now in service on our county roads doing good work. Next to the school-tax, the road-tax is one of the heaviest that county property-holders have to pay, and from year to year they have had nothing to show for this expenditure of money. Heretofore, our road-mending consisted in clearing out ditches and throwing the dirt from them on the road-bed, to be washed off again by the first heavy rain.

County- and City-Treasurer Thomas G. Wynne has secured quarters in the bank building in the rear of the post-office, and will move in as soon as his new furniture arrives.

So far there are five applicants for the position at the Eastern State Hospital, made vacant by the death of Dr. Moncure. There are also three gentlemen applying for assistant's place, but no election for assistant physician will be held in January. The election comes off the 15th of April next.

Squire Thomas P. Larus, of Henrico, was here to-day, and met many of his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Minor, from River View, on the Chickahominy, were in town to-day. Mr. Minor is a great huntsman, and reports quantities of game on the Chickahominy.

Commonwealth's Attorney Cyrus A. Branch, of James City, called at the Clerk's office this morning to arrange for the approaching term of Judge Smith's Court.

Mr. Walter Burns, who was so ill for several weeks, was out to-day, and the latest from Miss Lottie Lane, daughter of General James H. Lane, of Auburn, Ala., is that she is also very much improved, and strong hopes are entertained for her recovery. She has typhoid fever.

Mr. Samuel Johnson, chief engineer at the Denwood Ice Plant, is in Newport for a week's visit to his family.

Mrs. J. D. Hall, of Greenville, Tenn., came home, after a delightful visit to her mother, Mrs. Dixie Donagan.

Mr. Horace Davis, from Hampton, is visiting his uncle, Captain Edward Maynard, at Higglesville, on York river.

Mr. Arthur Shoots, from Richmond, is here.

### ALBEMARLE.

**Death of a Respected Citizen—Charlotteville Notes.**

CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—Mr. James Harlow, an old and highly respected citizen who lived in Southern Albemarle, is dead, at the age of 86, after an exceptionally active and useful life. He leaves an aged wife and three children, of whom one is Mr. James Harlow of this city. The funeral took place this afternoon from Cunningham church, of which deceased had long been a member. He was widely known as Gentleman Jim Harlow.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has elected the following officers: Director, Charles W. Schell, of Norfolk; Vice, L. M. Macdon, Jr., Secretary, J. Walker Anderson; Treasurer, E. I. Caruthers.

This evening the Bible Institute, conducted by Dr. C. A. Young, of the University, was inaugurated at the Christian church.

Moses Johnson, a desperate negro, who has served a term in the penitentiary for assaulting a policeman, has escaped from the city chain-gang, where he was serving a term for some recent offence.

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### PETERSBURG COUNCIL.

**And Norfolk and Western Obstruction of a Street.**

PETERSBURG, VA., December 1.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Council to-night, a letter was read from Vice-President Barr, received after a meeting of the officials of the Norfolk and Western and the special committee appointed by the last Council, in regard to the obstruction of Second street in this city by the Norfolk and Western railroad, in which he said the use of this street was entirely reasonable. He suggested two ways in which the nuisance could be abated—a viaduct and a belt line around the city. In his letter Mr. Barr said a survey was now being made for a belt line, but he did not say how long it would be before some definite action would be taken by the Norfolk and Western. Hon. W. R. McIlwaine addressed the Council on this subject and earnestly argued that something be done to abate the nuisance, been employed by the farmers of Chesterfield county, whose main entrance to the city is through Second street, to take legal steps in the matter.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the sense of this Council that the matter cannot, and will not, be allowed to rest where it is put by the letter of Mr. Barr; that the Norfolk and Western railroad must at once take steps to remove the nuisance, and that the Council will move to the railroad authorities."

A bicycle ordinance was passed, allowing the bicyclists greater privileges than they have heretofore had.

### SENATOR PRITCHARD'S VIEWS.

**Discussion of the Qualified-Suffrage Question—Democratic Opinion.**

RALEIGH, N. C., December 1.—(Special.)—Senator Pritchard hints at a possible reduction of the congressional representation of North Carolina in case the negro vote is eliminated. Democrats tell him and his party openly and plainly, that they are perfectly willing to have this done, and that they would be better off entirely unrepresented in Congress if the price paid for such representation is to be the control of the State and county affairs by negroes and white Republican axes.

Such things as Senator Pritchard's letter will do more than ought else to cause the passage of an educational and property qualification law to eliminate the negro vote. While some of the leaders of the party are of the opinion that they believe the enactment of a good election law will answer all purposes, yet there are many who think disfranchisement the wisest course. They contend that the mass of the white voters